

County Interoperability Communication Authority in CJS, under the project title of Eastern Riverside County Interoperability Communications Authority (ERICA), will be used for equipment costs to support the ERICA system.

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, Byrne

Entity Requesting: City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 88005

Description of Earmark: \$500,000 will continue and enhance the City's gang intervention strategies including enforcement, community awareness, education, and the integration of local organizations such as school districts and private entities. It is critical that the City of Moreno Valley have the resources to develop more strategic, coordinated, and collaborative efforts between local enforcement agencies, social service providers, and the general public. The objective of the City's gang prevention program is to significantly curtail gang involvement, and its negative impact, in the Moreno Valley community.

In addition to the Administrative, Patrol, and Detective services they provide to the community, the Moreno Valley Police Department has implemented a number of crime prevention services and programs to specifically intervene in and prevent crime and gang involvement. The 2008/09 Fiscal Year police budget for crime prevention and special enforcement programs, including gang-related crimes, is nearly \$7 million. The requested funds will be utilized throughout the 2010/11 Fiscal Year to enhance existing gang prevention efforts.

The federal nexus is to assist crime fighting efforts. Gangs are often involved in the violation of federal crimes and this funding seeks to contribute to that crime fighting effort.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—One unsupported Gang Task Force Officer (one year)—\$120,245

One fully supported Special Enforcement Team Gang Officer (One year)—\$220,275

1,916 hours of G.I.F.T. program overtime—\$104,766

1,000 hours of SET Gang officer overtime—\$54,680

This overtime would be used to prepare gang enhancements, participate in community meetings to address gang issues, investigate gang-related crime, and conduct other gang-specific enforcement.

Total: \$499,966.

A TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN T. JOHNS

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I submit the following poem for submission into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. It was written by Mr. Albert Carey Caswell, in memory of a fallen servicemember, a great father and a fine human being, Mr. Stephen T. Johns. It is also for his son who will carry his memory for the rest of his life, Stephen T. Johns, II. It is entitled, "Hate is Hard."

HATE IS HARD

Hate is Hard...

Oh how it makes me cry...

When, I see all of those tears in your young child's eyes...

Hate is Hard...

As it takes all we have!

To fight that battle, to so win that war... so all in time to all hearts grab...

Hate is Hard!

As why was built, this temple... this shrine...

To all hearts, to so remind...

To remind us all, hate is hard... and what hope can find...

To somehow, somewhere... so very deep down inside...

To win this battle, to bring that light...

Hate is Hard...

Just look at those tears now in your child's eyes...

This precious son, just like all those other ones...

Who's beloved parents, who too have so died...

All in this battle! All in this fight!

'Oh, how it makes me cry!

Hate is Hard...

As it takes all of your might! To win that battle, that fight!

As why!

In this place of remembrance, our Lord so placed Big John...

With your warm heart so right...

To so bring your light...

For on that day you died...

Was but shown, your last final act of love so inside...

To this dark evil, not knowing it would so take your fine life...

And leave all of your love ones, in such heartache so far behind...

And leave his young son, so all alone...

'Oh hate is hard... oh how it makes me moan!

'Oh now the tears I find...

As why throughout all these years...

So many children, women, and men... have so died here!

But, there is Hope! And there is Light!

All in your image John, that you so left behind...

And all in your son now so in time...

As he will to grown up to be, just like you... his wonderful Dad we'll find...

As on each new day he will so us remind...

Reminds us all, that hate is hard... but no match for the light

The kind that burned deep inside your father's most heroic heart so bright!

Goodness... Evil... Darkness... Light...

As this battle rages on this night!

Hate is Hard!

But, only we can! So win this war! So win this fight!

With such hearts of love, as big John's this night...

Remember, on this Father's Day...

As you bow down your head and pray...

A little boy has lost his hero, his joy... all because of evil's hate...

As why, in this fine shrine of courage and faith...

Our Lord God Big John so placed...

Grow up now my fine son, just like your fine Dad...

For your father's heard, inside of you... that you so have!

For you were the greatest thing, he ever knew... ever had!

And on this day, the Angel's up and heaven... they too cry...

As they see those tears run down your eyes...

As comes their gentle rain, to give you strength... to wash away all of your pain...

For on this day, up to heaven a new Angel does rise...

And Angel's are much stronger, to fight through all those lies...

So my little boy, daddy's little man... now wipe away all of those tears from your eyes...

For your Father is up in heaven, watching over you day and night...

But Hate is Hard... and our journey long!

And so, as this new day dawns...

We must be strong!

With hearts of faith, courage and love songs...

Can we so right all of these wrongs!

For Hate, is Hard!

But, love and light... far more brighter burn.

IN SUPPORT OF HOMES FOR HEROES ACT OF 2009

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, one of the most important duties we have as a nation is the commitment to taking care of the men and women who have served their country in the Armed Forces. I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 403, The Homes for Heroes Act of 2009 to help aid homeless veterans.

This legislation will unlock important tools to combat the ongoing challenges of homelessness within the ranks of our poorest veterans. The VA estimates that 154,000 veterans are homeless on any given night, accounting for about a quarter of the total number of homeless individuals.

My district, Fresno in particular, has a large homeless population. Many are veterans who would benefit from the implementation of the programs in this legislation. This bill will unlock important tools to combat the ongoing challenges of homelessness within the ranks of our poorest veterans. At-risk veterans live with lingering effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse, compounded by a lack of family and social support networks.

No matter how many urgent problems face our Nation, we must never forget those who put their lives on the line to defend the United States. Their uniformed service is a testament to the common values of sacrifice, honor, and patriotism we all share.

It is my hope that this legislation will find swift passage in the Senate, and be signed into law by President Obama in an expedient manner. I urge an "aye" vote.

CONGRATULATING THE SYCAMORE HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S VARSITY LACROSSE TEAM

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Sycamore High School women's varsity lacrosse team on winning the Division I Ohio Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association State Championship. The Lady Aves finished their remarkable season with an undefeated record, a total of 22 victories. This was their second state championship in four years.

Led by Head Coach Ed Clark, the Sycamore Lady Aves have become one of the most recognized high school programs in the Midwest. This year's team was top ranked in Ohio for the entire season and finished 44th in national rankings. Sycamore was the highest ranked team in the Midwest based on strength of schedule and an overall won-loss record.